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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 September 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-10 and 12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-10 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendments and accompanying remarks filed 9/30/02 have been entered and carefully considered. Applicant's arguments are found to overcome the prior art rejection set forth in the previous action. Despite this advance, the amendments are not found to patently distinguish the claims over the prior art and Applicant's arguments are not found persuasive of patentability for reasons set forth herein below. Prosecution is reopened and this action is made nonfinal so that the best prior art can be applied to the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 7-10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andersson (5460855) in view of Tillotson (4743330).

Andersson is concerned with the creation of a woven glass fiber fabric (cols. 3-4, lines 66-5) used in wallpaper or carpeting (col. 3, lines 6-10). Andersson is silent with respect to a method of adhering the woven glass fabric to a wall when used as wallpaper, or to other substrates when used as carpet.

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Tillotson teaches applying hot melt resins (col. 6, lines 42-44) only to the crossover points of a woven fabric (col. 1, lines 62-67, col. 6, lines 30-35, and fig. 6). It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art to apply a hot melt resin only to the cross over points of Andersson's wallpaper. Such a combination would have been motivated by the desire to create a superior bond while using a minimum amount of adhesive.

It is the examiner's position that the adhesive of Tillotson is inherently applied in an amount and a viscosity designed for preventing the adhesive from penetrating and contaminating the other side of the fabric because Tillotson teaches that adhesive touching the non-contacting surfaces should be avoided (col. 1, line 65 and fig. 6). Therefore, Tillotson's method of adhesive application would be destroyed if the adhesive was applied in a viscosity and amount that caused said adhesive to contact the opposite side of the fabric.

Tillotson teaches water insoluble thermoplastic adhesives (col. 6, lines 38-43).

With respect to claim 12, the examiner takes official notice that it is common and well known in the art of wallpaper and adhesives to utilize a release film. As such, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art to utilize said film. Such a modification would have been motivated by the desire to protect the adhesive layer and allow for easy application in commercial use. The examiner notes that the facts asserted to be common and well-known are capable of instant and unquestionable demonstration as being well-known. To adequately traverse such a finding, an applicant must specifically point the supposed errors in the examiner's action, which

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would include stating why the noticed fact is not considered to be common knowledge or well-known in the art.


Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher Pratt whose telephone number is 703-305-6559. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7 am to 4 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached on 703-308-2414. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9310 for regular communications and 703-872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

Christopher C. Pratt
October 25, 2002



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